



Franklin City Newsletter

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City Development.....	425-4024
Engineering	425-7510
Fire Department.....	425-1420
Health Department	425-9101
Human Resources.....	858-9392
Library.....	425-8214
Municipal Court.....	425-4768
Parks	425-7500
Planning Department.....	425-4024
Police Department.....	425-2522
Public Works.....	425-2592
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Sewer & Water	421-2613
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Congratulations Franklin SABERS on Your First WIAA Division 2 State Championship and Undefeated 2006 Season!

The Franklin Sabers seized their first State Football Championship title with a 36-29 overtime victory over Brookfield Central Lancers on November 17, 2006 at Camp Randall Stadium. Franklin established a flawless 14-0 record for the 2006 season. **Way to go Franklin Sabers!**



****2007 Garbage & Recycling Cards****



The 2007 Garbage and Recycling Cards are enclosed inside this Newsletter—PLEASE SAVE these cards as a reference! Almost any question you have about trash, recycling, special pick-ups, Christmas tree removal, spring and fall brush and leaf collection dates — even directions to and hours of operation of the landfill are addressed on these cards.

The 2007 Recycle Schedule remains the same. If you are an "A" Week pickup now (shaded week), you will remain as "A" Week. The same goes for "B" Week residents (unshaded week).

The City of Franklin has awarded a 3-year extension to their refuse contract with Veolia (formerly Onyx) for the collection of refuse, recyclables, and brush/leaves pickups. All service will remain the same, with regular garbage being collected each week, recyclables collected every other week, and brush and leaves to be collected again beginning the first Mondays of the months of May, November, and December of 2007. **REMINDER: When a holiday falls on a weekday, pick up of garbage and recycling will be delayed by 1 day for the remainder of that week, as specified on the "2007 Recycling Collection Schedule" inside this newsletter.**

2007 Park Reservations

2007 Park Permit applications for reserving Lions Legend Park, Market Square, and Ken Windl Park for Franklin groups or residents will be accepted at City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road, beginning Wednesday, January 3rd. **Applications must be made in person and permits will be issued on a first come, first served basis. No telephone or mail-in applications are accepted. Non-Franklin groups or individuals may apply after April 1st.**



The Park Permit entitles you to the use of the shelter, electricity, picnic tables, water, and BBQ pit where available. Playground equipment, tennis and volleyball courts, and baseball diamonds must be shared with the general public. Ken Windl Park offers an indoor gathering space with kitchenette for a maximum capacity of 50 people. An additional open air pavilion with restrooms and serving area will also be available at Lions Legend Park come June 1, 2007.

Please contact Franklin City Hall at 425-7500 with questions or for park reservation fees.

****IMPORTANT REMINDER—All Night Parking Regulations**

Please note that all night parking regulations are now in effect until April 1st. During this period, no person shall park any vehicle on any street in the City between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m., Mondays through Saturdays, and between 3 a.m. and 7 a.m. on Sundays (except physicians on emergency calls).

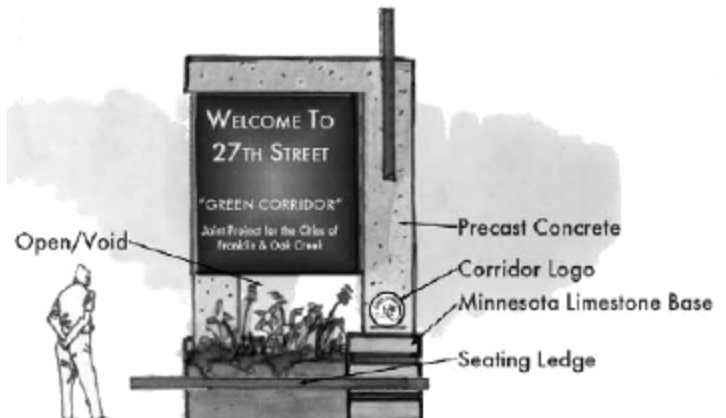
South 27th Street Streetscape Project

The South 27th Street Streetscape planning project is a continuation of the cooperative efforts of the Cities of Franklin and Oak Creek that began in 2004. The Streetscape Plan is intended to establish a unified corridor development strategy that will enhance the aesthetic image of the corridor and prepare the area for high-quality development. Development plans of this nature typically incorporate such strategies as consistent design themes and coordinated use of plantings and construction materials to provide a framework for amenity and infrastructure development.

Public input is critical to the development of a final plan, and a Public Open House was held at the Franklin City Hall on November 2nd, including both daytime and evening sessions. The Open House provided an opportunity for residents, property owners, and businesses to view and give input on a variety of design themes and concepts for the 27th Street Corridor.

More than 100 people attended the Open House, and citizens expressed support for the following:

- Aesthetic amenities, including decorative plantings, trees, and decorative and accent landscape lighting;
- Pedestrian amenities such as benches, trash receptacles, and directional signs;
- Restrictions on the use of billboard signage;
- Special enhancements, including decorative street signs;
- Applications of naturalistic, green, and site-sensitive solutions;
- Use of natural materials in design elements; and
- Inclusion of appropriate water features.



Additional issues considered at the Public Open House include high technology and electronic applications, display of public art, and the desire for high-quality signage. Traffic-calming measures were also discussed, including the possible use of traffic roundabouts.

The coordination between the Cities of Franklin and Oak Creek, and further input from the public, will continue to drive the development of this corridor. The next steps for the South 27th Street Streetscape project will be utility coordination and the creation of a zoning overlay district. Citizens are encouraged to participate at the next Public Open House which is planned for the spring of 2007. That open house will address a more specific streetscape design and incorporate the input from the first open house, the Joint 27th Street Steering Committee, and the Planning Commissions and Common Councils of both the Cities of Franklin and Oak Creek. Once set, the meeting date will be announced in the media and on the City's website.

City Receives Grant for \$20,000 in GIS Software Upgrade

The City of Franklin, through a nationally competitive grant program, has received \$20,000 in software upgrades to its existing Geographic Information System's (GIS) software configuration. This will allow for significant enhancements to the data management, analysis, and presentation tools of the City's GIS system. The GIS system is an essential computerized mapping tool used to record land, buildings, infrastructure, and any other data that can be associated with geographic locations.

Franklin Lioness Club Scholarships

High school students who live in Franklin and will graduate in 2007, and adult residents continuing their education, may apply for a scholarship through the Franklin Lioness Club. Five \$500 scholarships will be awarded; 3 to students planning to attend a college or technical school, and 2 to adults planning to attend a college.

The application deadline is Monday, April 30, 2007. Please call Kathy Marks at 414-529-2554 for applications or questions.

Please WELCOME the Following New Businesses to the City of Franklin!

C.H. Robinson & Co. (new location), 9779 S. Franklin Dr., #201

CTL Industries, 5008 W. Ashland Way

Haliwell Karate Academy, 8217 S. 27th Street

Hansen Storage Company, 9563 S. 60th Street

Midwest Diamond, 9710 W. Loomis Road

Specialty Products, 9710 W. Loomis Road

The Party Spot, 7119 S. 76th Street

Three Cellars, 6955 S. 27th Street



SUPPORT FRANKLIN BUSINESSES!

2006 Property Taxes

The City of Franklin, by statute, has the responsibility to receive the tax levy requests of all overlapping governmental bodies and send out a combined property tax bill to citizens. The governmental bodies that can levy taxes on Franklin citizens are the State of Wisconsin (tax for forestry purposes), Milwaukee County, City of Franklin, Milwaukee Area Technical College, Franklin School District, Oak Creek-Franklin Joint School District, Whitnall School District, and Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District. There are also two credits provided to citizens—a sales tax credit from Milwaukee County and a school credit from the State of Wisconsin. A lottery credit is provided by the State for qualifying citizens; the amount varies by school district.

The approved tax levies are divided by the assessed valuation to determine the tax rate. Franklin has multiple school districts and properties that do not have sewer service; therefore, there are five different tax rates that may apply to a citizen's tax bill. If you compare your tax bill to another, make sure the tax bills have the same taxing bodies before you call to check if your bill is correct. The combined tax rates per \$1,000 for the five groups, and the percent change from the prior year, are as follows:

	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>% Chg.</u>
Franklin schools with sewer	\$21.4638269	-18.01%
Franklin schools without sewer	\$20.1557904	-17.97%
Oak Creek-Franklin schools w/sewer	\$18.3643851	-20.46%
Oak Creek-Franklin schools w/out sewer	\$17.0563486	-20.61%
Whitnall schools with sewer	\$20.5590798	-16.05%

The City of Franklin, as a growing community, is charged a larger percentage of each year's tax levies for MMSD, MATC, and Milwaukee County because the allocation to Franklin is based upon equalized valuations. The portion of their increase, related to our growth, ranged from 2.0% to 3.4%. The Whitnall School District had the largest percentage increase due to equalized valuations in spite of the fact that their total levy increase was 1.9%.

Please note that tax bills are sent to the property owner of record. For properties that have been recently purchased in the August through November time period, the Treasury Office may not have received the transfer information from Milwaukee County and those tax bills will be sent to the seller. If you are unable to get the bill from the seller, contact the Treasury Office at 425-4770, and the necessary property tax information will be provided to you.

In addition to the property tax amounts, tax bills contain other charges such as annual payments of outstanding special assessments, delinquent sewer and water bills as of November 15, and other unpaid miscellaneous bills outstanding at that time.

Tax bills were sent out the second week of December. Please see the adjacent article for information on tax bill payment options and extended Treasury Office hours.

Property Tax Bill Payments

Your property tax bill includes preprinted payment coupons for each of the 3 installment payments and a pre-addressed return envelope. Send in, drop off, or bring in the payment coupon with your payment (you can keep your tax bill at home) and the payment will be receipted and returned to you. If another installment is due, a return envelope will be enclosed with your receipt.

Wisconsin Lottery & Gaming Credit

Wisconsin Lottery and Gaming Credit re-registration is unnecessary. If the credit was on your 2005 Real Estate Tax Bill, or you filed the Lottery Credit form, the credit will be on your 2006 Real Estate Tax Bill. If the credit is not on your tax bill and you are eligible in 2006, it can be deducted from your 2006 tax bill until January 31, 2006.

Payment by Mail

All mail payments of Property Tax bills go directly to the bank. The bank daily deposits all checks received and sends the payment coupons to the City's Treasury Office. Staff credits the payment against your tax liability and mails a receipt to you. **Please be sure to include the payment coupon and do not include other payments to the City in this same mailing.**

Payment by Delivery to Drop Box

The City of Franklin has a drop box located right outside of the main entrance to City Hall. Although not as handy as putting a stamp on an envelope, the drop box is a good alternative to standing in line to pay your taxes. The drop box is emptied periodically during the day and processed as part of that day's receipts. A tax receipt will be mailed to your property address.

Payment by Phone or Online

The City has partnered with a credit card company that will process your tax payment through their credit card system and forward the tax payment to the City. In addition to the tax amount, they charge you, the credit card holder, a fee equal to 4.75% for phone payments (888-604-7888) or 3.5% for online payments (www.governmentpayment.com). Use Payment Location Code 5898.

Payment in Person

If you prefer to pay your property taxes in person, your payment should be made at City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road. Your payment coupon for that installment will be receipted and returned to you when the payment is processed. It is not necessary to bring your tax bill as long as you bring your payment coupon when making your payment.

Payment Hours

Daily payment hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For tax payment purposes, payment hours will be extended on the following dates:

Monday—Thursday, December 18-21, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Tuesday—Friday, December 26-29, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, December 30, 8:30 a.m. to 12 Noon.

The Treasury Office will be CLOSED December 23 and 25, 2006 and January 1 and 2, 2007 for property tax payments.

Top Holiday Safety Reminders



- ✓ Dispose of fireplace ashes in the correct way—throw in a metal container and do not leave in the house or garage.
- ✓ Do not burn wrapping paper in your fireplace.
- ✓ While poinsettia plants and holly add holiday cheer, they are also poisons—keep away from small children.
- ✓ Don't forget to water your natural tree, and do not leave the lights on your natural tree unattended.
- ✓ Keep walkways and steps clear of ice and snow.
- ✓ Do not block entrances or exits into your home with decorations or gifts.

Winter Weather Safety Reminders

When a Winter Storm WARNING is Issued . . .

- Stay indoors during the storm. If you must go outside, several layers of lightweight clothing will keep you warmer than a single heavy coat. Gloves and a hat will prevent loss of body heat. Cover your mouth to protect your lungs.
- Understand the hazards of wind chill, which combines the cooling effect of wind and cold temperatures on exposed skin. As the wind increases, heat is carried away from a person's body at an accelerated rate, driving down the body temperature.
- After the storm, if you shovel snow, be extremely careful to avoid overexertion. It is physically strenuous work, so take frequent breaks.
- Avoid traveling by car in a storm, but if you must, keep your car's gas tank full for emergency use and to keep the fuel line from freezing. Let someone know your destination, your route, and when you expect to arrive.

If Your Vehicle Gets Stuck in the Snow . . .

- Stay with your car. Do not try to walk to safety. Tie a brightly colored cloth to the antenna for rescuers to see.
- Start the car and use the heater for about 10 minutes every hour. Keep the exhaust pipe clear so fumes won't back up in the car.
- Leave the overhead light on when the engine is running so that you can be seen.
- As you sit, keep moving your arms and legs to keep blood circulating and to stay warm.
- Keep one window that is away from the blowing wind slightly open to let in air.



What to Do After a Winter Storm . . .

- Help a neighbor who may require special assistance—infants, elderly people, and people with disabilities.
- Avoid driving and other travel until conditions have improved. Roads may be blocked by snow or emergency vehicles.
- Avoid overexertion. Heart attacks from shoveling heavy snow are a leading cause of deaths during winter.
- Follow forecasts and be prepared when venturing outside. Major winter storms are often followed by even colder conditions.

Understanding FIRE

Every day Americans experience the horror of fire, but most people don't really understand fire. Only when we know the true nature of fire can we prepare ourselves and our families. Each year more than 4,000 Americans die and approximately 20,000 are injured in fires, many of which could be prevented. The United States Fire Administration (USFA) believes that fire deaths can be reduced by teaching people the basic facts about fire.



Fire is FAST!—There is little time. In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for thick black smoke to fill a house and for a house to be engulfed in flames. Most fires occur in homes when people are asleep. If you wake up to a fire, there is only time to escape. You do not have time to grab valuables—fire spreads too quickly and the smoke is too thick.



Fire is HOT!—Heat is more threatening than flames. A fire's heat alone can kill. Room temperatures in a fire can be 100 degrees at floor level and rise to 600 degrees or more at eye level. Inhaling this super hot air will scorch your lungs. This heat can melt clothes to your skin. In 5 minutes a room can get so hot that everything in it ignites at once—referred to as "flashover".



Fire is DARK!—Fire isn't bright, it's pitch black. Fire starts bright, but quickly produces black smoke and complete darkness. If you wake up to a fire, you may be blinded, disoriented, and unable to find your way around the home you've lived in for years.



Fire is DEADLY!—Smoke and toxic gases kill more people than flames do. Fire uses up the oxygen you need and produces smoke and poisonous gases that kill. Breathing even small amounts of smoke and toxic gases can make you drowsy, disoriented, and short of breath. The odorless, colorless fumes can put you into a deep sleep before the flames reach your door. You may not wake up in time to escape.

Fire Safety Reminders

In the event of a fire, remember time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Escape first, then call for help. Develop a home fire escape plan and designate a meeting place outside. Make sure everyone in the family knows two ways to escape from every room. Practice feeling your way out with your eyes closed. Never stand up in a fire, always crawl low under the smoke and try to keep your mouth covered. Never return to a burning building for any reason; it may cost you your life. Finally, having a working smoke detector and a home escape plan dramatically increases your chances of surviving a fire.

Smoking and Match Safety

Smoking is still the leading cause of deadly home fires. If someone smokes in your house, use deep heavy ashtrays that won't tip over and ensure cigarettes are completely extinguished by running water on them before disposing of them. Keep smoking materials away from bedroom areas. Store matches, lighters, and cigarettes out of reach of children. Do not smoke when sleepy or under the influence of alcohol or medication. Never smoke in bed.



Snow & Ice Control

Residents with any concerns regarding winter street maintenance may call the Public Works Department at 425-2592. Regular hours are Monday—Friday, 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., or whenever weather conditions warrant winter street maintenance. If no one is available to take your call, please leave a message and someone will get back to you. If immediate attention is required, call the Police Department at 425-2522, and they will relay the message.

A Few Suggestions . . .



- * It is very helpful if you place your garbage and recycling containers 5 feet back from the street during a snowfall. This will help prevent the rolling snow from the snowplows from covering or tipping them over.
- * When removing the snow from the end of your driveway, pile it on the right side. This will allow the snowplow driver to push the snow away from rather than back onto your driveway.

Help Keep Streets & Sidewalks Safe . . .



- * To maintain safety on City streets and sidewalks, the City of Franklin, through its Municipal Code, **prohibits any person from blowing, placing, or piling any snow or ice on City streets or public right-of-way.** This can create a traffic hazard and the violator will be liable.
- * **City Code also prohibits** the discharge of water from sump pumps upon any public street from November 15 to April 15 of each year, as this practice leads to ice build-up on City streets. During this period, the property owner shall discharge water from their sumps onto their lawn at a point not more than 10 feet from their building.

Pet Licensing Changes



In prior years, Milwaukee County was responsible for pet licenses and issued them through the municipalities. Starting in 2007, the Milwaukee Area Domestic Animal Control Commission (MADACC) will take over this responsibility. As such, pet licenses may be applied for in the following ways:

Mail: Send the application, copy of proof of vaccination, and a check made payable to MADACC to 3839 W. Burnham Street, West Milwaukee, WI 53215.

Cashier's Office at City Hall: Bring your application, vaccination records, and a check made payable to MADACC to the Cashier's Office at Franklin City Hall, 9229 W. Loomis Road.

Online: Visit the MADACC website at www.madacc.com, click on "License Your Pet Online", then click "Proceed to Online License". In addition to personal checks, payment made directly to MADACC gives you the option of purchasing your pet license with either a MasterCard or Visa credit card via a secured encrypted connection.

Pet licenses are required and due by April 1 of each year, or within 30 days from the adoption of your new pet. The cost of a pet license in the City of Franklin is \$12 for an altered pet, \$25 if your pet is not spayed or neutered. There is a \$5 late charge for payment received after April 1. A copy of the rabies vaccination certificate issued by your veterinarian is required as proof of vaccination. For the on-line option, MADACC will call the veterinary clinic that vaccinated your pet, as indicated on the online form, to verify current rabies vaccination status, or a copy may be faxed to 414-649-8651.

Protection From Sexual Predators

Within the State of Wisconsin, the City of Franklin is at the forefront of communities pursuing efforts to protect their citizens, especially children, from sexual predators.

Following a series of public hearings and meetings before the City Plan Commission and Common Council, the Common Council has adopted two ordinances to help enhance such protections.

The first ordinance is a regulatory measure identifying sex offenders as a serious threat to public safety. Based in part on this determination, the ordinance restricts the ability of a sex offender from residing within 2,000 feet of schools, daycare centers, parks, and other specified facilities. This restriction would apply to any sex offender newly housed in the City of Franklin following its adoption. The ordinance also protects those facilities specified, and the children frequenting them, by creating Child Safety Zones.

In general, the second ordinance allows for enforcement of the restrictions through the issuance of municipal violations and through obtaining injunctive relief from the courts under the City's zoning authority.

Among the first of their kind in Wisconsin, these ordinances follow similar legislative actions in other states and accounts for state and federal court actions on these matters.

These ordinance changes follow filings in July with the State's Department of Health and Family Services and Department of Corrections requesting clear information as to certain policies relating to the management, release, and housing of sexual predators. Furthermore, the City demanded that the State adhere to their rules and enforce their policies that were in place. As a result of those filings and stipulations provided by the State in October, the City is working cooperatively with the State to ensure improvements are made to existing policies and to ensure the State improves their communication with City of Franklin law enforcement officials.

Be assured that the City of Franklin will continue to take any action necessary to provide for the safety of our children and citizens in protecting against sexual offenders.



Holiday Hours

City Hall will be closed December 25th and 26th for Christmas, and January 1st and 2nd for New Years.

(Exception: The Treasury Office will be open 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on December 26th)

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

The Library Story

Monday-Thursday 10-8:30, Friday & Saturday 10-5, Sunday 1-4 ♦ 425-8214 ♦ Barb Roark, Director



Library Tid Bits . . .



Get your 2007 coupon books! *Entertainment* and *Gold C* books are for sale at the Franklin Public Library. The *Entertainment* books are \$35 and valid now through November 1, 2007. *Gold C* books are \$12 and valid now through September 30, 2007. Thank you for your continued support!



The **display case** in the Children's area of the Franklin Public Library eagerly awaits interesting people to share their collections, talents, or hobbies that would appeal to children and their families. Are you a troop or pack leader in Franklin? Perhaps a display about a particular badge earned could be created by the troop. The Library is interested in showcasing the wonderful talent, organizations, and opportunities that are found right here in Franklin! Call the Franklin Public Library at 425-8214 to discuss the possibility of displaying your items!



Craft donations sought! In order to prepare for some children's programs, the Youth Reference Librarian is asking anyone who is interested to donate any of the following items: empty toilet paper tubes, old cd's/cd-rom's such as free AOL mailings, and any type of new or used greeting cards. Donations can be dropped off at the Library. Thank you!



Thanks to the Friends of the Franklin Public Library and the Franklin Public Library Foundation, **the Library will be installing two LCD television screens**—one above the Book Return and the other behind the Circulation Desk. The screens will display location and start times of events happening at the Library, upcoming programs, as well as pictures of previous programs. No need to stand in line anymore to ask where or when a meeting or event is taking place—just look to the monitors!

Cooking Classes with Staci Joers



GREAT HOMEMADE SOUPS
January 15th, 6 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.

January is "National Soup Month"—sample Broccoli Cheese Soup with a Kick, Mom's Vegetable Soup, Baked French Onion Soup, Potato-Leek Soup, and Bloody Mary Soup!

CHOCOLATE & CANDY
February 1st, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Just in time for Valentine's Day—learn how to make simple yet elegant sweet treats that will sweep your sweeties off their feet! Staci will demonstrate Chocolate Truffles, Chocolate Covered Cherries, and White Chocolate Mousse in a molded chocolate bag. Plus hints, tips, and other recipes!

Each class costs \$18. Sign up at the Franklin Public Library Circulation Desk. Make checks payable to the Friends of Franklin Public Library.

Family Programs (No registration is required.)

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.

KB Magical Productions

Feel the wonder of magic with Kevin and Kathy Boyles! Includes illusions, use of animals, special effects, and humorous audience participation. This program introduces creative thinking and is designed to increase motivation and build self-esteem.

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 p.m.

Jest for Fun—Tim Reed, Puppeteer

Performing for over 50 years, the Reed Marionettes performance includes hand, rod, mouth, shadow, marionette, and robotic puppets. Add music, audience participation, and children's humor, and you have a show guaranteed to make even the squirmiest audience sit in spellbound delight. The show runs about 35 minutes followed by a 10 minute demonstration of the puppets.



Winter 2007 Story Times

Storytimes—Ages 3 to 5

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.; Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. or

Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 1:30 p.m.

Sign-Up Required (includes entire series)

February 5, 6, or 7	Snowy Weather
February 12, 13, or 14	Valentine's Day
February 19, 20, or 21	Cats & Dogs
February 26, 27, or 28	Our Heroes
March 5, 6, or 7	Pirates
March 12, 13, or 14	Animal Tales

Children ages 3-5 may enroll for this storytime series. Each storytime lasts approximately 45 minutes. Caretakers may choose to attend or not attend the storytime, but must remain in the building. Caretakers are encouraged to join us with the craft. Franklin residents may sign-up beginning January 3, 2007; all others may sign up beginning January 4th. Stop in or call the Library at 425-8214.

Lapsitters—Ages 18 Months to 35 Months

Mondays at 6:30 p.m.,

Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. or 11:15 a.m.,

Wednesdays at 10:15 a.m., or Thursdays at 10:15 a.m.

Sign-Up Required (includes entire series)

January 8, 9, 10, or 11	Br-r-r! It's Cold!
January 15, 16, 17, or 18	Bubbles and Bathtubs
January 22, 23, 24, or 25	Coats, Mittens, & Hats
January 29, 30, 31, or Feb. 1	Zoo Animals

Children ages 18 months to 35 months may enroll for this storytime series. Each session lasts approximately 20-30 minutes. Child must be accompanied by a caretaker. Sign-up is required and already in progress—stop in or call the Library at 425-8214.

Franklin Senior Citizens Club

Open to Franklin Residents 55 Years of Age & Older



Becoming a Member

The Franklin Senior Citizens Club is open to all Franklin residents who are 55 years of age or older. Activities include luncheons, holiday parties, guest speakers, movies, card playing, and social camaraderie. Annual dues are just \$10 per person. For more information or reservations contact: Shirley Kammers (421-6727) or Rose Pipes (425-0078).

Franklin Seniors Walking Club

Meets 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. every Thursday at Milwaukee County Sports Complex, 6000 W. Ryan Road. Dues: \$5 (Includes T-shirt). Contact Ed Waldoch at 421-0557 for more information.

Elder Link—24-hour resource center for older adults. Call 289-6874 for senior or family care and meal site information.

City of Franklin Senior Travel Program

If you are looking to meet new friends and enjoy traveling, the Franklin Senior Travel Program is for YOU!

February 2007

Feb. 14: "Sweethearts Dine Around". Celebrate Valentine's Day on this dine around tour! Begin the day with a visit to the Mitchell Park Conservatory—"The Domes". Then off to Venice Club in Brookfield where you will enjoy salad and main entrée of either stuffed pork chop or chicken cordon bleu with rice pilaf. Next, travel to the Hartland Inn for a delicious dessert of either Strawberry Schaum Torte or Turtle Decadent Torte. Final stop will be at the Mason Creek Winery for a short tour, some sampling, and an opportunity to purchase your favorite wine. RSVP by January 14, 2007. \$48 Resident/\$58 Non-Resident.

March 2007

Mar. 11: Sunset Playhouse "A Few Good Men". Join us for this Sunday getaway! Enjoy a fabulous Sunday champagne brunch at the Bavarian Inn including made-to-order omelets, French toast, warm cinnamon bread, bagels, potato pancakes, shrimp, sausage, fruit, ham, beef, desserts, and much more. Then travel a short distance to the Sunset Playhouse to see "A Few Good Men"—a Broadway hit about the trial of 2 marines for complicity in the death of a fellow marine, filled with humor and suspense. RSVP by February 11, 2007. \$55 Resident/\$65 Non-Resident.

April 2007

Apr. 19: UW Varsity Band Spring Concert. Travel this evening to the Kohl Center for the UW Varsity Band's Annual Spring Concert. Begun in 1975, it has grown into a 3-night extravaganza complete with professional staging, lighting, sound, and pyrotechnics performed for 25,000 Badger fans. Family-style dinner at the Essen Haus German Restaurant featuring sauerbraten and roast pork loin, potatoes, vegetable, apple strudel, and beverage. Departure is at 3:30 p.m. from Pick 'N Save parking lot, return time is approximately 12 Midnight. RSVP by March 19, 2007. \$48 Resident/\$58 Non-Resident.

May 2007

May 15: Wisconsin's Lighthouses. Trip begins by viewing the North Point Lighthouse constructed in 1855 and decommissioned in 1994. Travel north and visit the Port Washington Light Station, built in 1860 and used until the mid 1970's. Hear interesting stories about the lives of the lighthouse keepers and their families. Browse unique shops and enjoy a family-style luncheon of chicken and roast beef at the Lighthouse Inn, located on the shores of Lake Michigan. After lunch, tour the North Pier Light, another type of lighthouse that marks a harbor entrance. RSVP by April 15, 2007. \$39 Resident/\$49 Non-Resident.

June 2007

June 10: Doc Severinsen Swinging Big Band. Spend an enjoyable Sunday afternoon at the Marcus Center for the Performing Arts. Begin with a delicious buffet luncheon in one of the ballrooms. Then relax as Doc Severinsen brings his Swing Band and inimitable wardrobe for a day of jazz swing and big band classics! RSVP by April 30, 2007. \$70 Resident/\$80 Non-Resident.

Reservations: Accepted on a first come/first serve basis. No phone reservations. Full payment guarantees your reservation.

Refunds: No refunds are given after the RSVP deadline unless your ticket can be resold.

Insurance: The City of Franklin and the Franklin Senior Citizens Club do not provide medical insurance or hospitalization coverage for participants in tours or activities.

Cancellations: Tours may be cancelled due to weather or lack of interest.

Non-Resident: Non-residents may participate in tours if space is available after the deadline date of the trip. All trips have limited seating. Non-residents pay an additional \$10 cost.

All trips depart from the NW corner of Pick 'N Save parking lot at 76th & Rawson Avenue. Questions can be directed to: Shirley Bird, Tour Director, at 425-4502 or 529-2484.



Your Health Matters

Franklin Health Department, 425-9101, Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Clinics held 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.)



Health Department to Offer Two More Vaccines in 2007

Starting in January 2007, the Franklin Health Department will be offering the Hepatitis A and Rotavirus vaccines. Both vaccines are recommended but not required by State law. Because they are not required, insurance companies may not cover the vaccine cost. Parents have been shocked by the cost of immunizations through their pediatricians. The Franklin Health Department does not charge for immunization services. If your insurance policy has no vaccine coverage, has co-payments, or has high deductible expenses, you may wish to consider the Health Department for your child's routine immunization.

Hepatitis A vaccine is now recommended for all children ages 12 to 23 months of age. Hepatitis A infection is highest in 1 to 2 year olds. These children are usually asymptomatic and spread the disease to other children and parents. The vaccine is very effective in preventing disease and 2 doses are required for protection. The first dose is given after the first birthday and the second dose is given 6 months later.

Rotavirus vaccine is a new vaccine that protects children against rotavirus infection—the leading cause of severe gastrointestinal illness (fever, vomiting and diarrhea) in children between 6 and 23 months of age. Rotavirus vaccine is given in 3 separate doses by mouth to children at 2, 4, and 6 months of age. This vaccine must be started before 3 months of age and completed by 8 months of age.

The Franklin Health Department has clinics on the first and third Wednesday's of each month. Clinics are by appointment by calling 425-9101.



Needles, syringes, and lancets used at home must be stored in appropriate containers and taken to a collection site for disposal. The Franklin Health Department is a collection site for **Franklin residents**. Containers for collecting sharps are also available at the Franklin Health Department. Collection times are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call 425-9101 for details.



Oak Leaf Trail Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Milwaukee County Executive Scott Walker (front) is joined by (back row from left) City of Franklin Aldermen Ken Skowronski, Pete Kosovich, and Tim Solomon, (front row from left) County Supervisor Mark Borkowski, Sandy Adam, City of Franklin Aldermen Lyle Sohns and Steve Olson, Mayor Tom Taylor, and Chuck Ward, Chief of Operations of Milwaukee County Parks Department, at the October 21, 2006 ribbon cutting ceremony of the newest leg of the Oak Leaf Trail extension.

The 2.1 mile Root River Trail extension picks up the existing Oak Leaf Trail at West Drexel Avenue, winds north along the Root River, crosses Rawson Avenue, and continues to the trailhead on South 68th Street near West Loomis Road.

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